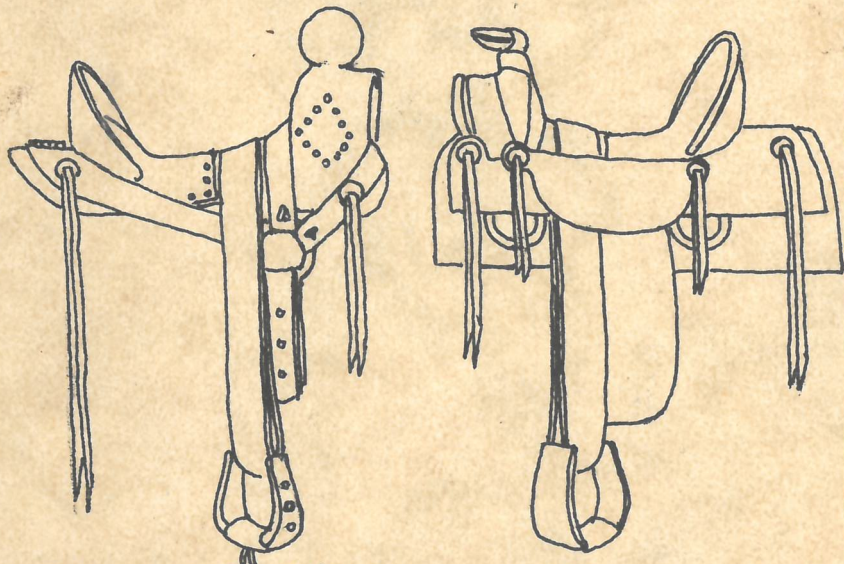


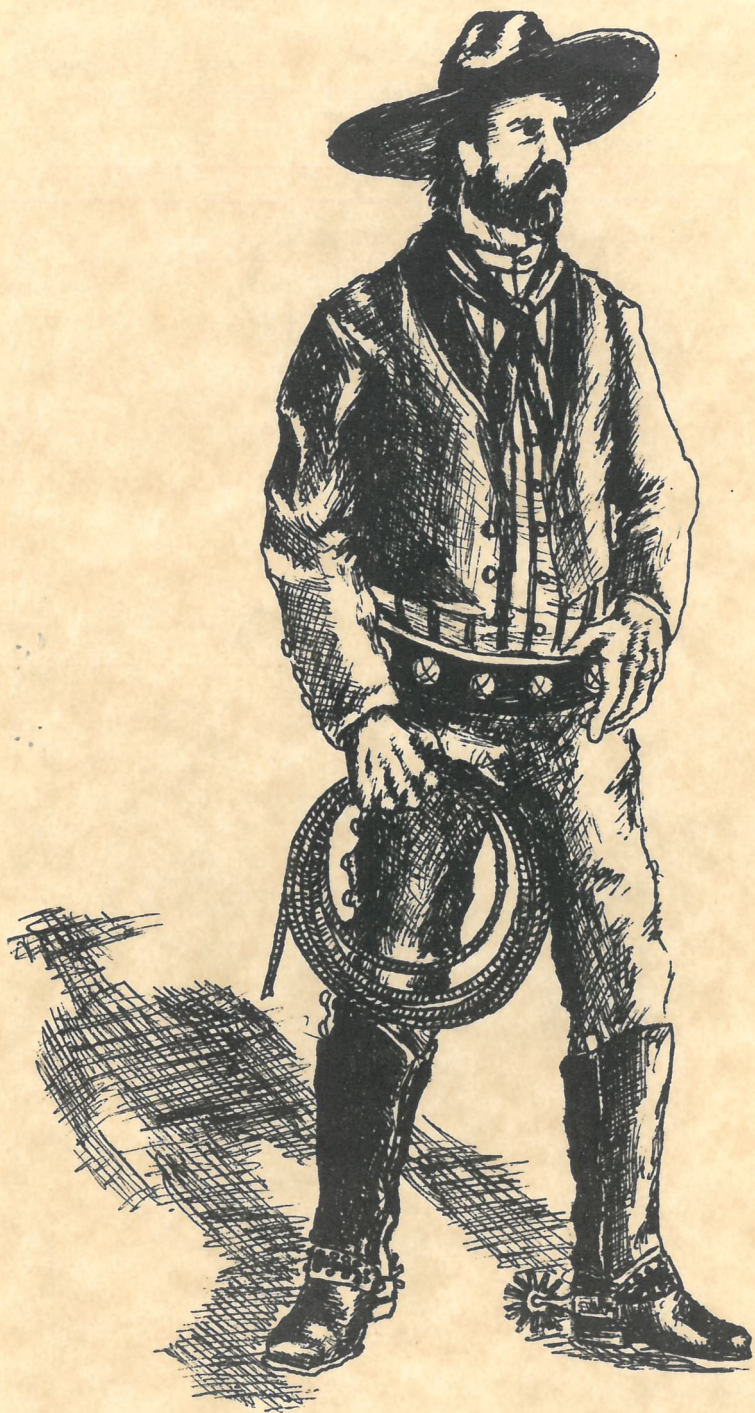
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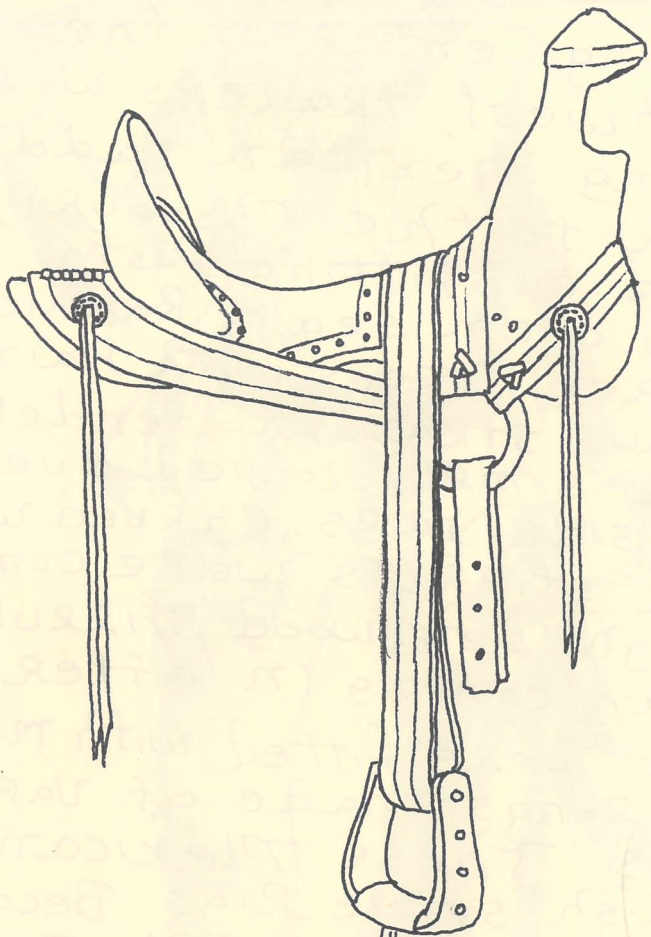
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At the time when Santa Fe was the main trading center of the southwest, traders were taking Mexican saddles back to the Missouri River outfitting posts. These plain open seat, rawhide covered trees with plain stirrup straps, no fenders, were simply looped over the side bars. Carved wood block stirrups were common, though bentwood stirrups began coming in after 1790. Some were fitted with mochila coverings made of various hides. These Mexican-Spanish style rigs became known as Santa Fe saddles. These were the best of anything that had so far appeared. They immediately won appeal of red and white men alike.

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Basic Rig ★



Horn styles  
Pre 1840

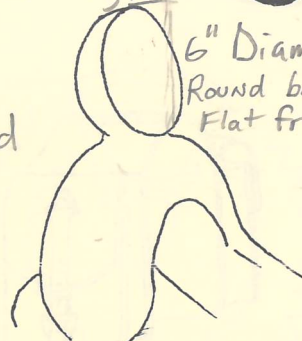
1 1/2" high  
3/4" slope

6" Diameter  
Round back  
Flat front

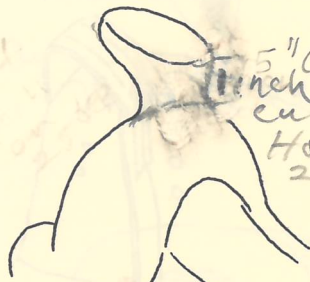


Gourd

Gourd horn  
completely round  
4 1/4" Diameter



early Spanish  
American



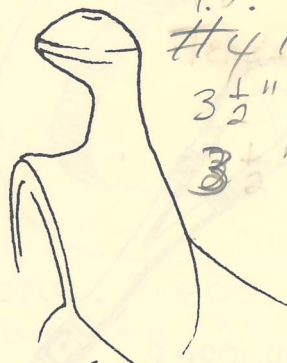
Northern  
Mexican

5" cap  
trench  
cut  
Horn  
25 degrees



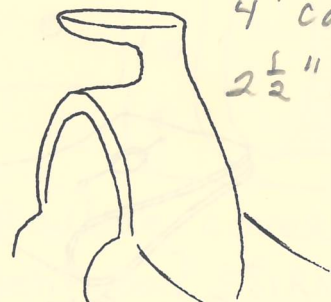
Chihuahua

4 1/2" Diameter  
45° Flat front



applehorn

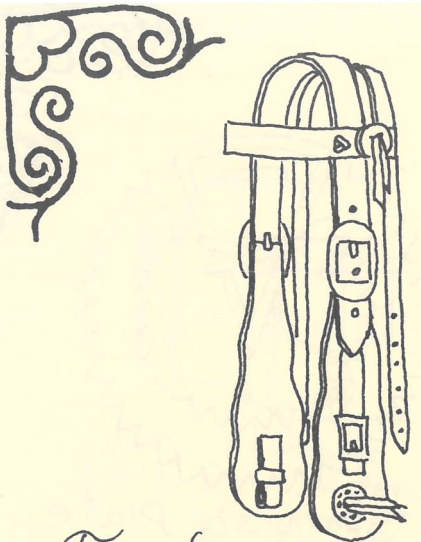
T.D.  
#4 P.D.  
3 1/2" tall  
3 1/2" cap



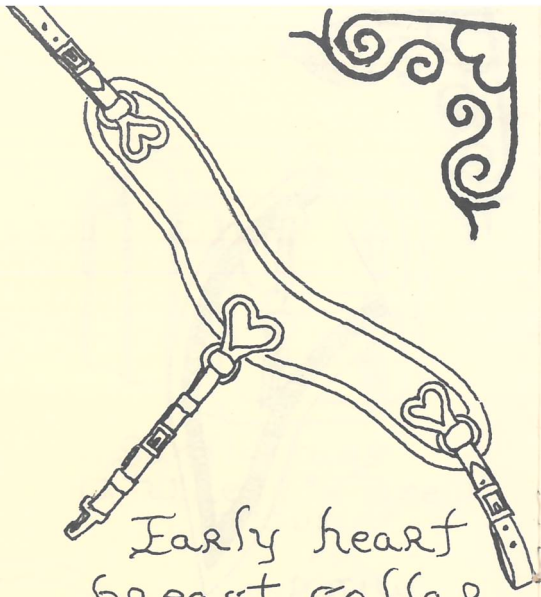
Platter horn  
(although not pre 1840  
widely acceptable for  
R-D-VU)

4" cap  
2 1/2" high





Early 1800s  
headstall

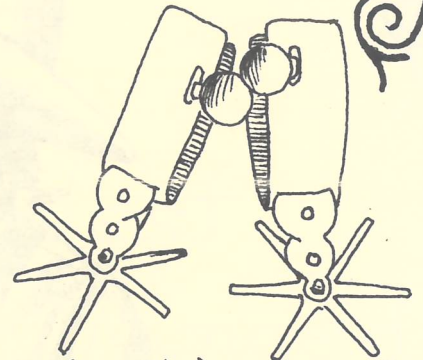


Early heart  
breast collar



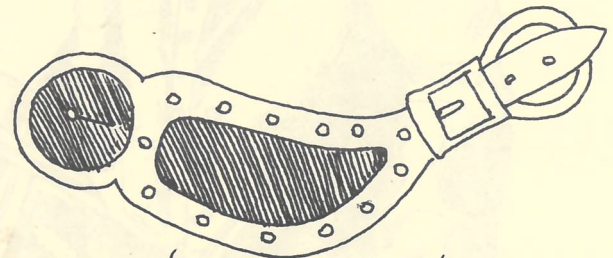
Moccasin  
spurs

Custom  
Bits + Spurs

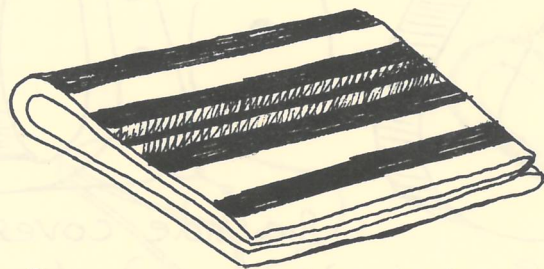


Early Chihuahua spurs

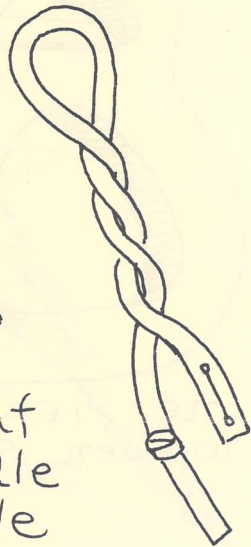
Twist hobbles



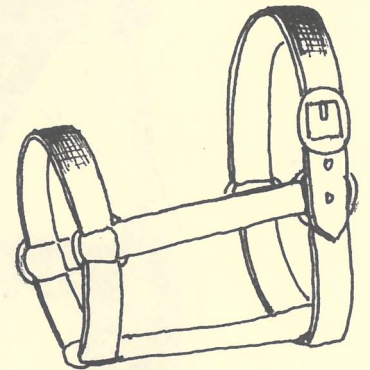
early spur strap



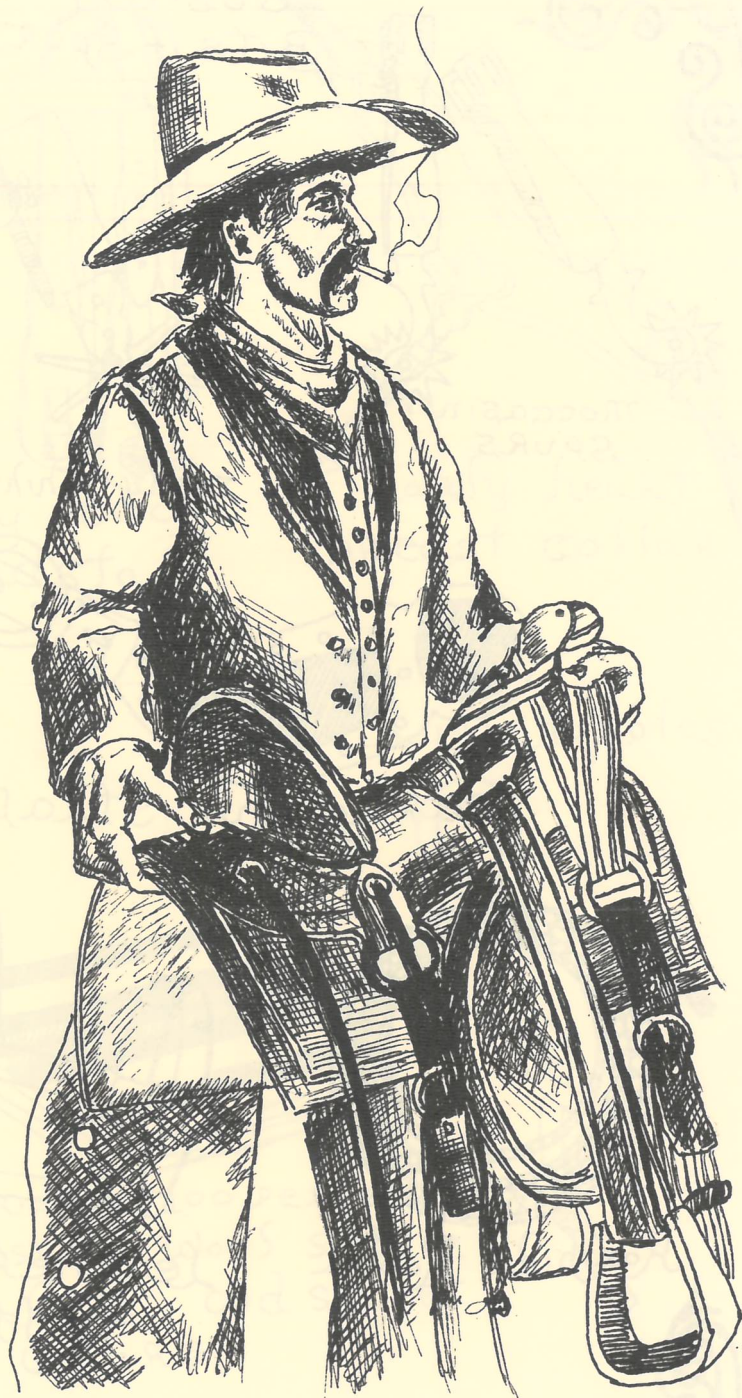
American 100 percent  
homespun wool saddle  
blankets, old style  
colors.



Rawhide Reata



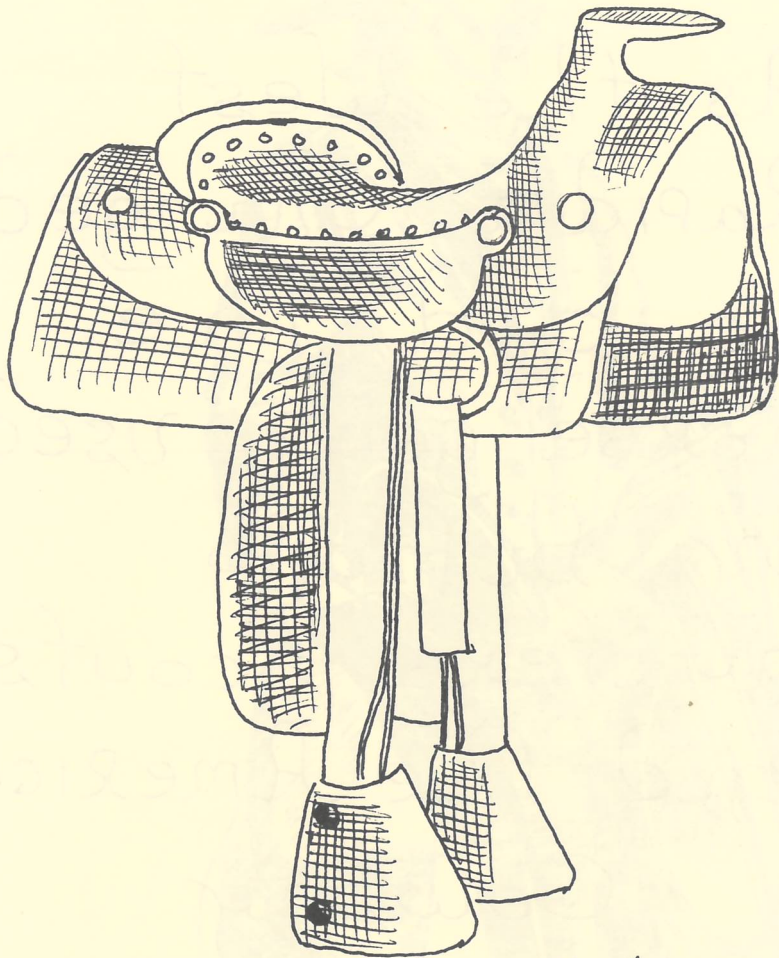
Leather  
halter



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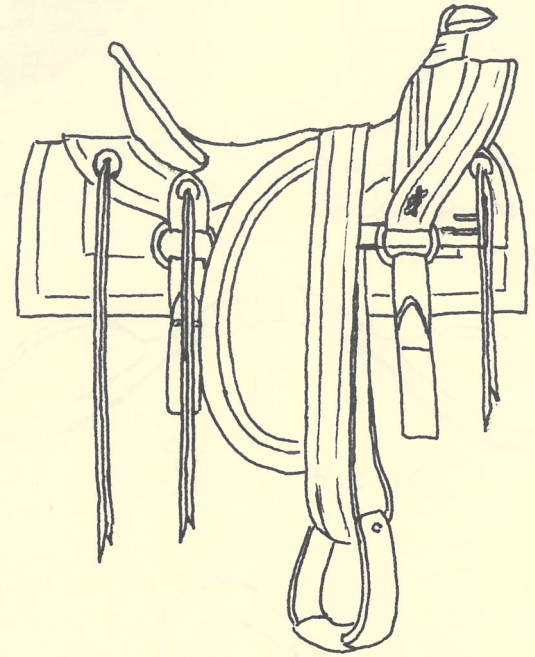
As the West  
Rapidly Changed  
so did the  
horse gear used  
by buffalo  
hunters, Scouts  
and the American  
Cowboy

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Hope Saddle

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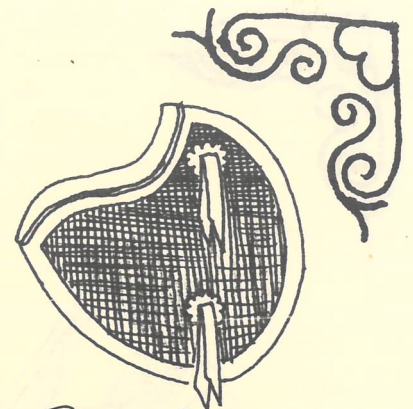
1870'S STYLE  
STOCK SADDLE

This continues to be  
an excellent working  
Cowboys' saddle

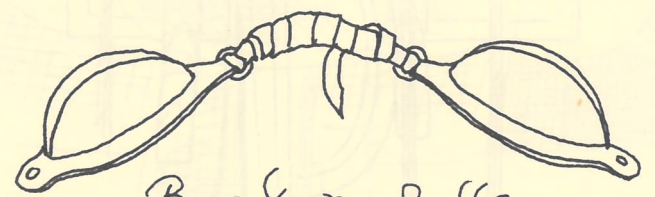
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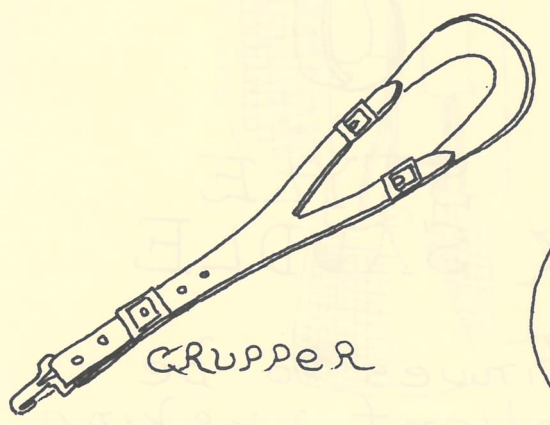
Eagle beak  
Tapaderas



Box nose  
Tapaderas



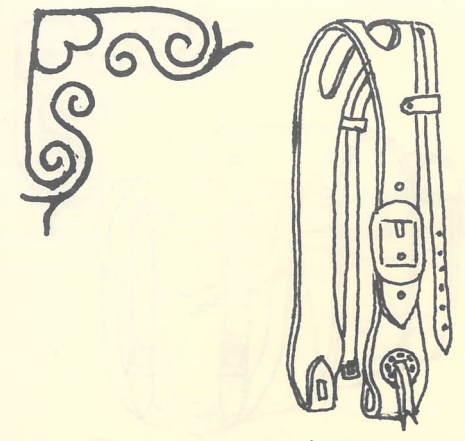
Buck-n-rolls



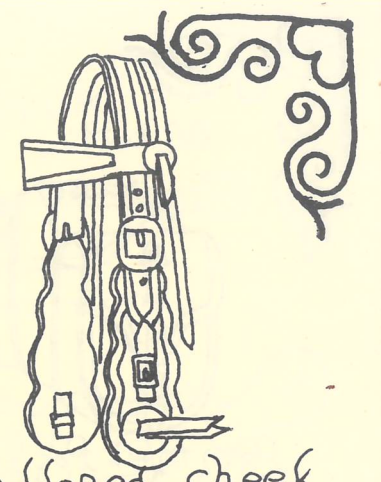
GRUPPER



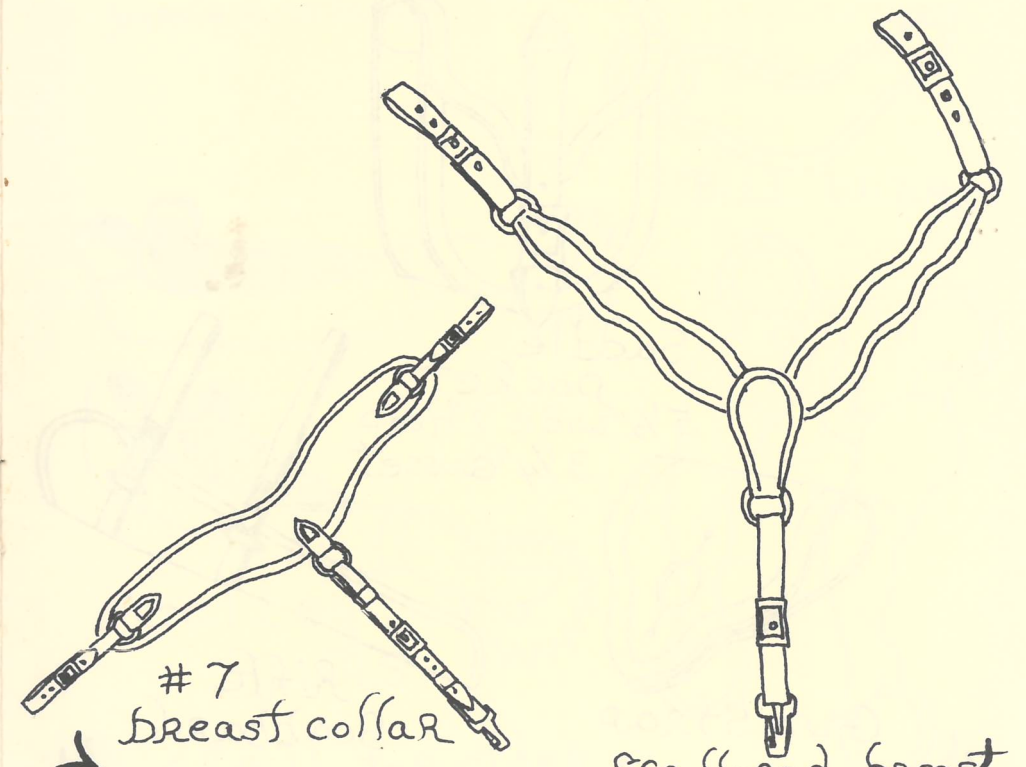
Brass Oxbows



1870s one ear  
Bridle



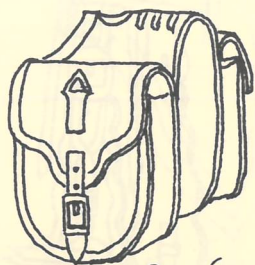
Scalloped cheek  
headstall



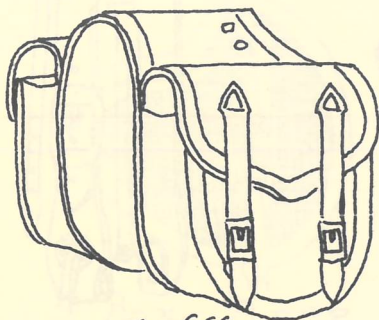
#7  
breast collar

Scalloped breast  
collar

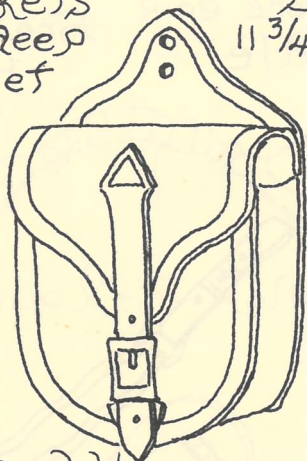




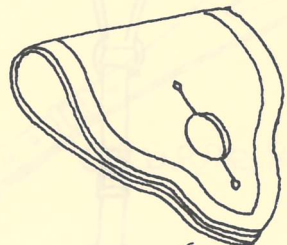
Pommel Pockets  
5 1/2" wide 7" deep  
3 1/4" Gusset



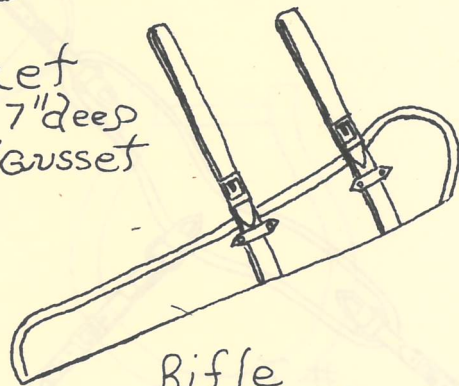
Saddlebags  
11 3/4" wide 9 1/2" deep  
5" Gusset



Saddle  
Pocket  
5 1/2" wide 7" deep  
3 1/4" Gusset

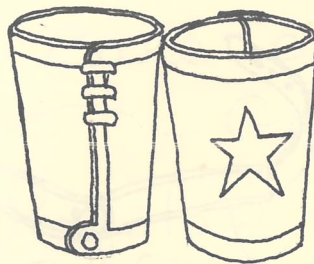


Gun Strap



Rifle  
Scabbard

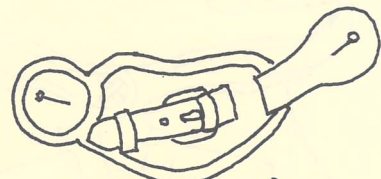
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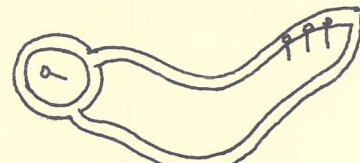
6" Cuffs  
Whiplaced & brass  
snap. Texas star or  
border stamp.



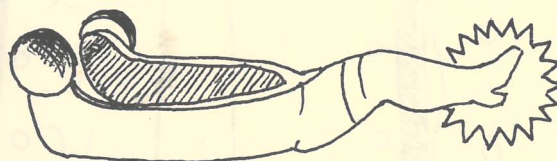
SPUR  
STRAPS  
Common



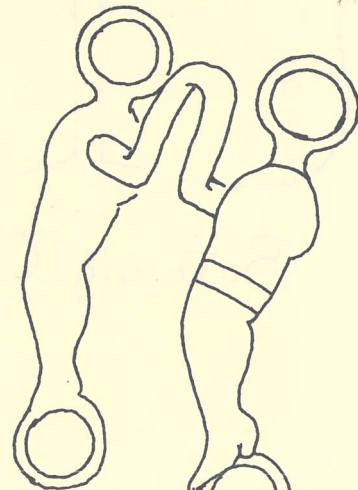
STRAP THROUGH



BIRD WING



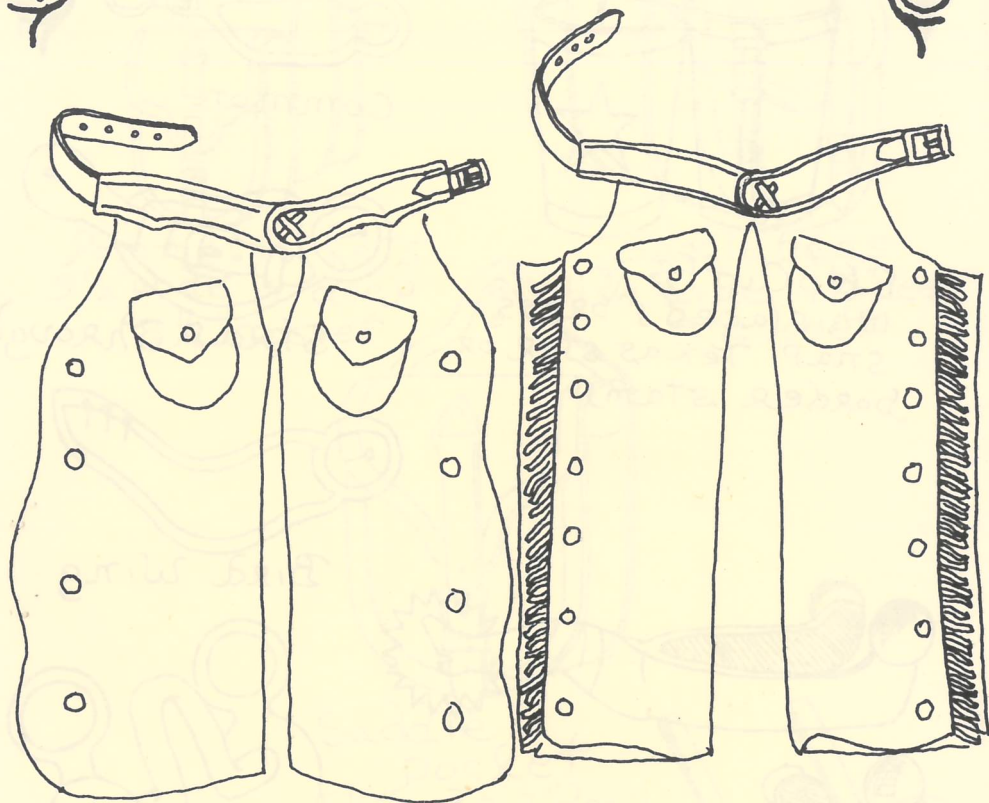
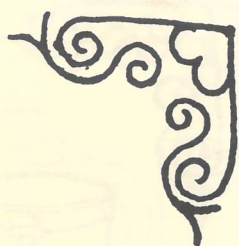
Gal Leg  
SPURS



Gal Leg  
Bit

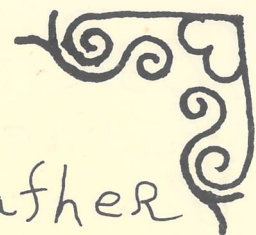
Call for other  
bit & spur styles

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Shotgun Chaps



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